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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the Declaration of the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic on the Outbreak of Hostilities against Iraq:

"The Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic considers the outbreak of hostilities against Iraq by the allied forces on 17 January 1991 to be a logical result of the present crisis in the Persian Gulf. This is a natural and legal consequence of the fact that Iraq has refused to comply with the United Nations Security Council resolution 678 (1990) demanding an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Iraqi troops from the illegally occupied territory of Kuwait.

"The Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic fully supports the adopted decision enforcing the will of the international community to free Kuwait by all possible means. At the same time, it appeals to the Government of the Republic of Iraq asking it to prevent further bloodshed and an increase in material damage in the whole region of the Persian Gulf - for which it is fully responsible - by expeditiously withdrawing its troops from Kuwait."

I would be grateful if you could have the texts of this letter and of the Declaration of the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduard KUKAN
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